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Smallpox.—Week ended September 26: Rotonda (Potenza), 1 case; Siderno, 5; Mammola (Reggio Calabria), 3; Alcamo (Trapani), 2.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Spread of cholera—Outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis at Osaka and Tokyo—Regulations enforced against cholera-infected ports.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, September 18:

Week ended September 14. Bills of health were issued to 4 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 553 passengers and 460 crew. One vessel, the steamship *Glenfarg*, en route from Hongkong to Callao with Chinese coolies, was granted an original bill of health, as she was not originally intended for an American port, but found she had to stop for coal at Honolulu.

The cholera introduced only a short time ago from Shanghai is spreading very rapidly in the southern kens along the Inland Sea.

September 13 the following cholera statistics were collected: Fukuoka ken, 687 cases; Yamaguchi ken, 225; Hyogo ken (Kobé), 102; Osaka-fu, 42; Suma and Rokkasan, both suburbs of Kobé, 2; Hiroshima ken, 7; Ohita ken, 57; Okayama, 9; Ehime ken, 2; Nagasaki ken, 25; Kagawa, 1; Saga ken, 1; Wakayama ken, 1; Kanagawa ken, in which Yokohama is situated, 1, tally clerk on the steamship *Glamorganshire* from London via Moji and Kobé.

A very severe outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis is reported from Sakai, a manufacturing town south of Osaka and across the bay from Kobé. About 120 cases have been reported. This disease has also suddenly appeared in violent form at Tokyo. The sanitary authorities have issued a circular informing the people of the seriousness of the disease and the probability that it is spread by bacteria contained in the nasal and oral secretions spreading to the brain. Simple instructions as to prophylactic measures are given in the circular.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom, under date of September 16, writes that there have been 118 cases of cholera, with 45 deaths, in Kobé from September 5 to 16.

He is enforcing regulations against persons and things embarking from cholera-infected ports.

A circular from this office puts into force regulations relating to persons and things from infected ports or places embarking at a clean port, and, should cholera prevail here, five days' detention will be required of intending steerage passengers previous to embarkation upon vessels bound to the United States or their possessions, regardless of whether their destination be Canada or the United States.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *China* recommended September 19 for rejection: For Honolulu, 4; for San Francisco, 2. Advised to wait: For San Francisco, 11.